Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, under <u>Related Applications</u>, please replace the entire section with the following:

This application is a continuing continuation application claiming the priority of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/271,217, filed March 17, 1999, now Patent No. 6,168,563, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/481,925, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,899,855, which is a FWC of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/233,397, filed April 26, 1994 (now abandoned), which in turn is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 07/977,323, filed November 17, 1992 (which has since issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,307,263).

<u>U.S. Patent 6,168,503 is also Also, this application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/946,341, filed October 7, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,997,476, which is a continuation-in-part of 08/847,009, filed April 30, 1997, now <u>U.S. Patent No. 5,897,493</u>, which claims priority from provisional application <u>Serial Nos. 60/041,746 filed March 28, 1997 and from provisional application Ser. No. 60/041,751 filed March 28, 1997; all of which are incorporated herein by reference.</u></u>

Application Serial No. 08/233,397, filed April 26, 1994 (now abandoned) and U.S. Patent Nos. 5,899,855, 5,307,263 and 5,997,476 and Provisional Application Serial No. 60/041,746 filed March 28, 1997 and Provisional Application Serial No.60/041,751 filed March 28, 1997 are all incorporated herein by reference.

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